

## **Families First in Numbers**

### **Updated with Information from January 2004**

Current number of Assistance Groups: 73,021

Current number of adults: 56,240

Current number of children: 137,837

Assistance Groups prior to Families First (August, 1996): 91,499

Current number of child only cases: 18,135

Closures in January:

total closures: 4303

closures for 18 month time limits: 117

closures for sanctions: 917

work-related sanctions: 903

other sanctions: 14

closures for employment: 1210

Time limit closures since Families First started: 8,905

Current number of Assistance Groups with a working adult: 11,466

Average monthly wage of employed participants: \$654.97

Average monthly cash benefit for participating families: \$169.74

Re-entry rate of Families First participants: 32.8% of cases which close re-enter the program (after an absence of more than two months) at some point during the next 55 months.

The number of families served by the program between September 1996 and now exceeds 200,000.